

City of Woodburn

Recreation and Park Board Minutes

April 12, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Rosetta Wangerin; Board Chair was absent, Joseph Nicoletti; Board Secretary conducted the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

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| Position I Zandi Cox, Member (12/13) | Present 6:35pm |
| Position II (Student) Claudia Urias-Guerrero | Present |
| Position III Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary (12/13) | Present |
| Position IV Rosetta Wangerin, Board Chair (12/13) | Absent |
| Position V Bruce Thomas, Member (12/13) | Present |
| Position VI Cheryl Shepherd, Member (12/11) | Absent |
| Position VII Tony Waite | Present |

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 14, 2010

Bruce Thomas/Tony Waite - Motion to accept the February 8, 2011 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Thomas/Tony Waite - Motion to accept the March 8, 2011 workshop minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Immanuel Lutheran Church Project

Jim gave a brief history of the proposed project that Immanuel Lutheran Church has envisioned. He then introduced Terri Berkey-Gonzalez, representative from Immanuel Lutheran Church, who showed a PowerPoint slide of the proposed site concept plan. Terri explained that approximately five years ago, the church purchased 8 acres at Evergreen Rd and Linfield Ave. The church then hired an architectural firm which developed a concept plan incorporating their idea of a new church building, but also outdoor recreational spaces that would be available for public use. She shared that the church is not in a position to start construction on the church building, but they wanted to get the project going and has \$210,000 to start the project with a pre-building phase. This first phase would include a gravel parking area, soccer field, walking paths, and landscaping. Talks within the church led them to the idea of partnering with the city to help with operating the soccer field, recreational features, landscaping maintenance and water for irrigation, all while allowing the

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City to utilize the outdoor recreational features for public use. She stated that this project would be self-funded with grants and future fundraising. The Church will vote on this plan on May 8th and if passed, they would like to start the first phase of this project along with a city partnership. Jim stated that this area, south of Wal-Mart, has grown dramatically in recent years, and as the Parks and Recreation Master Plan notes, is badly in need of parkland. In fact, of the three new park locations recommended by the Master Plan, this area is noted as the highest priority. This project would be made even more valuable if the City were able to eventually acquire the adjacent six acre parcel immediately to the east. The combination of these two sites could make for a very nice neighborhood park at some point in the future. Discussion took place on NRPA standards for park size and whether this would meet the city's need in future park acreage and potential grant opportunities. After the discussion, the board unanimously agreed to support the development of a "joint use agreement".

7. DIVISION REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Aquatics – Jim Row

Jim reported that they are now into the third month on the "Aquatic Center Turnaround Project". He gave the Board a copy of the new Spring Aquatic Program brochure that shows the new marketing approach and modest program changes. They are currently working on the Summer Aquatic Program brochure that will be the kick-off of all the new expanded dynamic program opportunities. While still monitoring the finances, Jim found that revenues dropped off January through February but was back up in March. The city expects a 50% cost recovery from the Aquatic Center in next fiscal year's budget. Within the next month, modifications in the lobby and reception area will take place. Discussion took place on the resurfacing project, future cost recovery expectations and possible building expansion that would give additional space for dry-land exercises and classrooms. Jim addressed Board concerns about patronage decline, fee increase and pool temperature. He replied that the decline in patron usage was expected during this phase of the project, but he expects the numbers to increase once the summer programs start; for those having difficulties with new fees, he encouraged them to fill out the Scholarship form available at the front desk; the temperature is being monitored daily and is currently at 83 degrees but they are trying to find the ideal temperature for all uses of the pool.

Recreation – Stu Spence

Youth Sports – T-Ball is underway with 105 participants this year.

Adult Sports – Men's Spring League has 24 teams participating and generates revenue for the city.

Easter Egg Hunt – This year's event has grown every year and this year it will be held April 21st at Legion Park with 5,000 eggs, music and fun activities for the kids.

Pitch, Hit and Run – This National competition skills event will be held on April 23rd at Centennial Park in partnership with the Baseball Club.

Arbor Day – In the past, a donor gave 200 trees in partnership with the Networking Club of Woodburn. This year, the donor wasn't able to give so educational and fun activities are being planned that will raise awareness of the importance of trees. Coloring contests at the

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After School Club and Library the week of April 25th with winners being announced the first week in May.

Woodburn Reads – Woodburn Reads! Five Million Page Challenge involving schools, city staff, Chamber members and Woodburn Public Library took place in February and were successful in reading 3 million pages this year.

Active Adult Trips – These active adult trips are a sustainable program that remains very popular. Next trip is to OMSI for a shell show and then in May they will attend a Tony Bennett tribute.

Boys and Girls Club – “It Just Takes One” fundraising campaign with a goal of \$10,000 is underway for April. Over 28 local businesses are participating. Highlight is Hubbard Chevrolet is donating \$100 per new car bought in April. All day child care for \$1.00 is offered on non-school days for After School Club attendees at the Four Square Church. It was suggested that the Boys and Girls Club obtain a Woodburn post office box for local donations.

P.A.L. Mentoring – Received a \$30,000 grant to sustain our mentoring program for another year.

Parks and Facilities – Jim Row

Centennial Park

The construction contract still includes landscape maintenance until the end of May. Jim stated that the park is in high use and staff is looking forward to a busy summer season and the Dog Park remains very popular.

Mill Creek Greenway Project

Jim reported that as soon as the weather breaks the contractor will be back to complete the gravel pathways. Also, Public Works is building the signage for the project and an Eagle Scout will paint and install them. It was suggested that the Eagle Scout come to a meeting to report, show pictures on the project when the project is complete. Discussion took place on the winter wet conditions and how the creek water is breaching the bank along the pathway.

Wyffels Park

Jim updated the Board on the Settlemier Park boundary dispute issue, and how that is holding up the approval of our Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Wyffels Park Playground project. Discussion took place on master plans, vision process, current and future projects, park development and maintenance and how important it is to stay mindful of how tax and grant dollars are being spent so that the community would receive the greatest long term benefit.

8. FUTURE BOARD BUSINESS

- Matt Gwynn will give a report on the Adopt a Park Program at the May 10th meeting.
- It was decided to schedule a park tour in lieu of the regular scheduled meeting in June. A confirmed date will be decided later.

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9. BOARD COMMENTS

Bruce Thomas

- Would like to see Legion Park amenities improved to better serve the community.

Claudia Urias-Guerrero

- She is looking forward to the park tour because she is not familiar with all the city parks and feels that this will give her a better understanding during the monthly meetings.

Joseph Nicoletti

- Stated that Legion Park was planned to have playground amenities specifically designed for individuals with disabilities.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was 8:00pm

Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary

Paulette Zastoupil, Recording Secretary

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